

In view of the papers filed 3/6/07 it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a). The inventorship of this application has been changed by adding Stephen Titus as a co-inventor.

The application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for issuance of a corrected filing receipt, and correction of Office records to reflect the inventorship as corrected.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims 10-13, presented in the 3/6/07 amendment have been cancelled because they were not included on the 10/9/07 amendment. However, because they are considered allowable along with the claims which were presented in the 10/9/07 amendment they have been rewritten as claims 18-21 below.

Claims 18-21 have been entered as follows:

--18. A billiard cue, comprising:

a shaft having a tip end and an opposed end, the shaft formed of wood and a composite material including fibers disposed in a binder, the composite material forming a cylindrical wall defining a bore, the bore extending from the tip end of the shaft towards the opposed end of the shaft, the cylindrical wall having a wall thickness

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of less than 0.050 inches along the length of the bore.

19. The billiard cue of claim 18, wherein the bore is substantially hollow over its entire length.

20. The billiard cue of claim 18, wherein the cylindrical wall of composite material has an outer coating of a wood material.

21. The billiard cue of claim 20, wherein the wood material is adhesively joined to the composite material.--

Claims 3, 8, and 14-21 are considered allowable over the '437 patent for the reasons pointed out by the applicant in the 10/9/07 remarks. In addition to applicant's remarks, the passage of lines 11 and 12 in the '051 patent taken with the passage of lines 4-10 identified by applicant provides support for the "less than 0.050 inches" language of claim 14.

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